The Humble Petition of the Citizens of London,

Intended to be Presented to the Right Honourable, the *Lord Mayor, Aldermen,* and *Commons,* in *Common-Council* Assembled.

SHEWETH,

THat whilst They were under the Superintendancy of a Vigilant and Careful Supream Authority, They could spend Their time in Their several Callings, without either troubling this Honourable Court, or themselves with Matters of State; But Their Natural Affection to Their Native Country, together with Their Intereſt in this Great City, moving Them, and the Univerſal decay of Trade giving Them too much leaſure, They cannot in this day of Calamity be ſilent, without rendring themſelves Inſenſible and Guilty; And therefore They Humbly crave leave to Repreſent unto this Honourable Court,

That ever ſince the firſt Interruption of Government, not only this City, but the whole Nation hath been in a languiſhing Condition, as to Their Stock and Trade.

That the Incomparable Honour and Renown which this Common-wealth was arrived at in the World (being an admiration and terrour to Their Neighbours round about Them) is by theſe late Years diſturbance of Government, laid in the duſt, and Our Nation in great danger of being rendred a Scorn, Reproach, and Prey to Forreigners.

That as Our Parliaments have alwaies been the Peoples ſafety and ſecurity, ſo it could not but rejoyce Our Hearts, to have the *Long Parliament* reſtored to the diſcharge of the remaining part of Their Truſt, that being the only Power who can derive Legal Authority of Parliaments to Poſterity, put an end of Uſurpation, and lay the Foundation of Succeſsive Parliaments; And the Army by Their Declaration owning Them to be the Eminent Aſſertors of the True *Good Old Cauſe*, having a ſpecial Preſence of GOD with Them, and Signally Bleſſed in the Work.

That through the preſent varieties of Changes, We are Reduced under the only Legal Adminiſtration of Your Lordſhip, and this Honourable Court.

That whereas GOD's Preſence and Bleſsing hath alwaies gone along with this Nation, whilſt They have kept Faith with Their Governours, and His diſpleaſure ſufficiently manifeſted when They have done otherwiſe: That the Peace and Quiet of this Nation depends upon ſuch Foundations as may not be objected againſt for Uſurpation, and may leave as few dormant Titles as may be, for any diſcontented and unquiet Parties to Head themſelves under: That the Nations Security, under GOD, is in Parliament; and that at preſent for want thereof, We of this Nation, and in particular, this City, are under the juſt Adminiſtration of Your Lordſhip, and this Honourable Court, the City being the Bul-wark of the Nation.

Therefore We moſt Humbly Pray; *That Your Lordſhip and this Honourable Court would effectually endeavour the Reſtauration of the Parliament, to the Exerciſe of their Lawful Authority, That thereby We and Poſterity may timely have Lawful Foundation of Government laid in Succeſsive Parliaments; And that in the* Interim, *Your Lordſhip and this Honourable Court would take ſpeedy Care of the Peace, Quiet, and Safety of this Great City, by the Hands of Perſons of Intereſt, and known Integrity, for the preventing all dangerous Meetings, Inſurrections, and Tumults:* And We ſhall aſsiſt You with Our Lives, Intereſts, and Fortunes.